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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, RP
SUBJECT: HERRERA CASE UPDATE

REF: MANILA 8908

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED HERRERA CASE WITH HER LAWYER, SENATOR RODRIGO, JUNE 14. RODRIGO CONFIRMED THAT JUNE 7 HEARING HAD BEEN CANCELED AT LAST MINUTE BY THE MILITARY. NO REASON FOR CANCELLATION WAS GIVEN AND NO NEW DATE HAS BEEN SET.

2. MRS. HERRERA HAS PREPARED LENGTHY AFFIDAVIT DENYING GOVERNMENT CHARGE ZOTO IS SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION. SHE ALSO HAS DENIED OWNERSHIP OF SUBVERSIVE DOCUMENTS GOVERNMENT SAID THEY FOUND IN HER HOUSE. RODRIGO HAS ASKED THAT MILITARY DISMISS CHARGE OF HER USING ALIAS BECAUSE THIS WILL BE HEARD IN CIVIL COURT.

3. TO SUPPORT MRS. HERRERA'S CLAIMS ON NON-SUBVERSIVE NATURE OF ZOTO, PROFESSOR MARY HOLLNSTEINER OF THE ATENEO'S INSTITUTE OF PHILIPPINE CULTURE HAS PROVIDED STATEMENT ATTESTING TO ZOTO GOOD WORKS ON BEHALF OF SQUATTERS. UP PROFESSOR HAS PROVIDED SIMILAR STATEMENT. TO COUNTER THESE STATEMENTS, VETERAN RED BATER SIMEON DEL ROSARIO HAS PROVIDED 34-PAGE STATEMENT WHICH RODRIGO SAID IS CONFIDENTIAL

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4. THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LITTLE PROGRESS IN CASE OF MRS. HERRERA'S ALLEGED TORTURERS. LT. MATILLANO, WHO WAIVED RIGHT TO PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION, PRESUMABLY WILL BE COURT-MARTIALED, BUT AS FAR AS RODRIGO KNOWS PROCESS HAS NOT BEGUN AND MRS. HERRERA HAS NOT BEEN ASKED TO TESTIFY.

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RODRIGO SAID IDENTITY OF OTHER SOLDIER WHO ASSISTED
MATILLANO IN GENERATING ELECTRIC SHOCK STILL NOT DISCLOSED
TO HIM, ALTHOUGH FORMER SENATOR BELIEVES IT WOULD BE SIMPLE
MATTER TO ASK MATILLANO WHO WAS WITH HIM.
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